GARRISON WINS RENOMINATION

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Gets 12,000-Vote Majority in DA's Race

District Attorney Jim Garrison, rolling up nearly 85,000 votes, scored a smashing victory over three opponents in complete but unofficial returns from Saturday's Orleans Parish first Democratic primary.

Garrison tallied 84,992 votes. He outdistanced former assistant United States attorney Harry Connick by better than 24,000 votes, and spread-eagled the field by more than 12,000 votes.

Orleans Parish voters also gave overwhelming approval to urban renewal for the Lower Ninth Ward, marking the first urban renewal project in the history of New Orleans. A total of 70,929 people voted for urban renewal, while 20,960 voted against it.

In another significant special election, it became certain that the state Legislature will have its second Negro member in recent history, either Theodore J. Marchand or Earl J. Amedee from District 26. They will face each other in a Dec. 13 runoff election.

Another race forced into a runoff is for the office of parish coroner. Incumbent Dr. Carl Rabin and former top assistant, Dr. Ignacio Medina Jr., will square off for the spot. Dr. Medina, though without any endorsements save from many of the city's doctors, edged out Dr. Frank E. Minyard for the second berth behind Dr. Rabin.

Here is how the voting went in each of the races:

District attorney: Garrison is the Democratic victor and will await the April, 1970, general election to face Republican Phil Trice. The votes:

Jim Garrison	**84,992**
Harry F. Connick	**60,385**
Charles R. Ward	**7,587**
Ross T. Scaccia	**4,523**

State Representative, District 26 (Ward Nine and Pct. 1-6 of Ward 8): Marchand and Amedee will meet in a runoff. The votes:

Theodore J. Marchand	**4,794**
Earl J. Amedee	**4,467**
A. Charles Borello	**3,967**
Edward C. Ripoll Jr.	**3,734**
Bill Christmas	**3,219**
James V. Serio Jr.	**2,755**
Rudolph A. Bergeron	**2,046**
Calvin J. Minor	**1,702**
August J. Goubler	**1,520**
Eugene J. Gomes Jr.	**913**
Michael D. Roig	**233**
George L. Johns	**197**

Judge, Section "D," Juvenile Court: Edward G. Gillin won without a runoff. The vote:

Edward G. Gillin	**81,604**
Freddie B. Warren Jr.	**42,975**
Richard M. Mathews	**10,543**
Edward G. Koch Jr.	**8,500**

Judge, Division "A," Civil District Court; Incumbent Judge Thomas A. Early Jr., appointed earlier this year by Gov. John J. McKeithen, won

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from attorney Melvin J. Duran. The vote:

Thomas A. Early Jr.	**101,521**
Melvin J. Duran	**38,701**

Orleans Parish coroner: Incumbent Dr. Rabin, also a McKeithen appointee, and Dr. Medina will meet in a runoff. The vote:

Dr. Carl R. Rabin	**55,705**
Dr. Ignacio Medina Jr.	**52,304**
Dr. Frank E. Minyard	**47,148**

Clerk, Civil District Court: Incumbent Thomas S. Buckley Sr. rolled up the highest vote of the day 123,211, to win handily. The vote:

Thomas S. Buckley Sr.	**123,211**
Jackson P. McNeely	**15,860**

Civil Sheriff: Incumbent Milton A. Stire scored the second highest number of votes, 120,463, to return to office. The vote:

Milton A. Stire	**120,463**
Andrew A. Fontaine	**22,496**

Clerk, Criminal District Court: Daniel B. Haggerty, son of retiring Criminal District Court Clerk Edward Haggerty, easily won his first term against four opponents. The vote:

Daniel B. Haggerty	**102,891**
Herman A. Metoyer Jr.	**14,966**
Harold J. Benitez	**13,818**
Arthur C. Dale Jr.	**8,286**
Walter J. Hammer	**7,680**

Recorder of Mortgages: Incumbent Francis J. Demarest had little trouble in winning another term of office. The vote:

Francis J. Demarest	**109,619**
Peter Cadaro Jr.	**29,143**

Constable, First City Court: Incumbent Clyde F. Bel Sr. had no trouble winning another term. The vote:

Clyde F. Bel Sr.	**104,134**
Lee C. Grevemberg	**23,144**

Assessor, Fourth Municipal District: Incumbent Richard F. Burke tallied 6,466 votes to nail down a first primary victory. His opponents included two Negroes, the Rev. A. L. Davis Jr. and Ellis F. Hull, and Peter Cadaro Jr., who also lost out in the recorder of mortgages race.

The vote:

Richard F. Burke	**6,466**
Rev. A. L. Davis Jr.	**2,791**
Peter Cadaro Jr.	**725**
Ellis F. Hull	**713**

Assessor, Fifth Municipal District: Newcomer James W Smith outscored State Sen. Olaf J. Fink in a race to succeed retiring Joseph C. Modenbach Smith's father-in-law.

The vote:

James W. Smith	**6,914**
Olaf J. Fink	**4,710**

Certainly one of the interested observers of the DA's race was Clay L. Shaw, acquitted last spring of a charge brought by DA Garrison of conspiring to kill the late President John F Kennedy, but later charged with perjury by Garrison in the same trial.

Shaw was noncommittal about his opinion of the voters' verdict to return Garrison to office. "I am not going to make any comment on the election," said Shaw, contacted at his home. "There seems to be no point in it at this time."

Garrison revealed early Sunday morning at his headquarters that because of a slipped disc condition in his back he must undergo an operation or be placed in traction for a number of days.